

## **IC 15-1.5-10.5**

### **Chapter 10.5. Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage**

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-1**

##### **"The barn" defined**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "the barn" refers to the center for agricultural science and heritage established by section 3 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-2**

##### **"Trustees" defined**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "trustees" refers to the board of trustees of the center for agricultural science and heritage.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-3**

##### **Establishment; purposes**

Sec. 3. (a) The center for agricultural science and heritage (the barn) is established.

(b) The following are the purposes for which the barn is established:

- (1) To educate the public concerning the past, present, and future of American agriculture and rural life.
- (2) To educate youth and the general public about American agriculture and food systems.
- (3) To provide educational programming for youth that complements school curricula, both onsite and in the classroom.
- (4) To create a synergy between Indiana's institutions of education and agriculture related industries.
- (5) To generate economic vitality, convention activity, and tourism activity for Indiana.
- (6) To become a center for agricultural business and thinking, a clearinghouse of agricultural information, a resource center for educators and the public, and a repository for agricultural artifacts and history.
- (7) To create a central, prominent partner with whom agricultural organizations can launch, collaborate on, and coordinate programs.
- (8) To position Indiana as the recognized agricultural center of the nation.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-4**

##### **Board of trustees**

Sec. 4. (a) The barn is governed by a board of trustees. The trustees include the following twenty-five (25) individuals:

- (1) The governor or the governor's designee.
- (2) The commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's designee.

- (3) The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.
  - (4) The dean of agriculture of Purdue University or the dean's designee.
  - (5) The president of the Purdue University Agriculture Alumni Association or the president's designee.
  - (6) The state veterinarian or the state veterinarian's designee.
  - (7) The presiding officer of the state fair commission or the presiding officer's designee selected from the membership of the state fair commission.
  - (8) The presiding officer of the state fair board or the presiding officer's designee selected from the membership of the state fair board.
  - (9) One (1) member appointed by the largest Indiana organization representing agricultural interests in Indiana, as determined by the number of members of the organization. The member serves at the pleasure of the member's organization.
  - (10) One (1) member appointed by the second largest Indiana organization representing agricultural interests in Indiana, as determined by the number of members of the organization. The member serves at the pleasure of the member's organization.
  - (11) Fifteen (15) members appointed by the governor.
- (b) Of the members appointed under subsection (a)(11), not more than eight (8) may be affiliated with the same political party.
- (c) Each member appointed under subsection (a)(11) must have a recognized interest in the barn.
- As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3.*

### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-5**

#### **Terms of trustees**

Sec. 5. (a) The term of an individual appointed to the trustees under section 4(a)(11) of this chapter:

- (1) is three (3) years; and
- (2) expires September 30 of the year of expiration.

(b) A member appointed under section 4(a)(11) of this chapter may be reappointed to the trustees. Except as provided in subsection (c), a member appointed under section 4(a)(11) may not serve for more than nine (9) years in any twelve (12) year period.

(c) For purposes of the limitation on the number of years a member may serve under subsection (b), any time of not more than two (2) years a member serves:

- (1) as an initial appointment to the trustees; or
- (2) to fill a vacancy;

may not be considered.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.106-1999, SEC.1.*

### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-5.5**

#### **Powers of trustees**

Sec. 5.5. The trustees may do the following:

- (1) Enter into contracts related to the trustees' powers and duties under this chapter.

- (2) Receive, hold, and expend appropriations made by the general assembly.
- (3) Receive gifts.
- (4) Charge admissions.
- (5) Purchase, lease, and sell real and personal property.
- (6) Develop, improve, and maintain the property leased or owned by the trustees.
- (7) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

*As added by P.L.187-2001, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-6**

##### **Filling of vacancies**

Sec. 6. (a) The governor may appoint an individual to the trustees to fill a vacancy in the position of a trustee appointed under subsection 4(a)(11) of this chapter.

(b) An individual appointed under subsection (a) serves for the unexpired term of the member whom the individual replaces.

(c) The period of the unexpired term for which an individual serves after appointment under this section may not be considered in determining the number of years that the member has served in a twelve (12) year period for purposes of section 5(b) of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-7**

##### **Presiding officer; other officers**

Sec. 7. (a) The trustees shall, in October 2001, and in October of each odd-numbered year thereafter, elect a member of the trustees as the presiding officer of the trustees for a term of two (2) years that begins on November 1 of the year in which the election is held. The member elected under this subsection is the presiding officer of the trustees until the earlier of the following:

- (1) The expiration of the member's term.
- (2) The replacement of the member as presiding officer by the trustees.

(b) The trustees may elect other officers of the barn from among the trustees.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.187-2001, SEC.4.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-8**

##### **Executive director**

Sec. 8. (a) The trustees shall recommend an individual to be employed as executive director of the barn, subject to the approval of the governor. If the governor approves an individual recommended by the trustees, the trustees may employ the individual as executive director. If the governor does not approve an individual recommended by the trustees, the trustees shall submit another recommendation to the governor.

(b) The executive director employed under this section:

- (1) is the chief administrative officer of the barn; and
- (2) shall implement the policies of the trustees.

(c) The trustees may delegate any of the trustees' powers to the

executive director. The trustees may make a delegation under this subsection through a resolution adopted by the trustees.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 4-2-6-5, the compensation for the executive director and other employees of the trustees may be paid in full or in part by the nonprofit entity established under section 10 of this chapter. *As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.55-2002, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-9**

##### **Majority vote required**

Sec. 9. A majority vote of the trustees is necessary for the adoption of:

- (1) policy decisions;
- (2) decisions concerning the employment of personnel; or
- (3) major expenditures.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-10**

##### **Nonprofit fundraising entity**

Sec. 10. (a) The trustees may establish a nonprofit entity to solicit, raise, and accept funds:

- (1) to pay the administrative costs of the barn;
- (2) for use in the maintenance and operations of the barn; and
- (3) to fund capital improvements of the barn's principal facility and related facilities.

(b) The nonprofit entity established under this section may receive the proceeds from the operations of the barn.

(c) The nonprofit entity established under this section is governed by a board of directors. The directors include:

- (1) the presiding officer of the trustees of the barn, who shall act as presiding officer of the board of directors; and
- (2) four (4) individuals appointed by the trustees.

(d) An expenditure of public funds for capital improvements by the nonprofit entity established under this section must be approved by the trustees.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.187-2001, SEC.5.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-11**

##### **Payment of expenses**

Sec. 11. The executive director of the barn shall pay the expenses for capital improvements of the barn approved by the trustees of the barn.

*As added by P.L.120-1998, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.187-2001, SEC.6.*

#### **IC 15-1.5-10.5-12**

##### **Annual report of trustees**

Sec. 12. At the first meeting each year of the state fair advisory committee established by IC 15-1-1.5-4, the trustees shall report the following:

- (1) The activities of the barn during the previous calendar year.
- (2) The financial condition of the barn for the barn's most recently completed fiscal year.

(3) The board of trustees' plans for the barn for the current calendar year.

*As added by P.L.99-2000, SEC.5.*